

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Washington County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

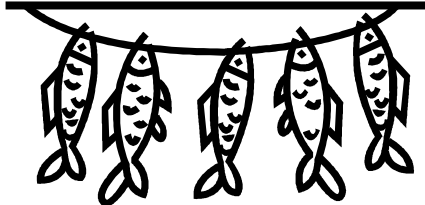
763,384



RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Washington County, **112,622** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

Investments in Recreation

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **700 citizens became hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile certified** in Washington County.

In fiscal year 2014, **Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern and Pike Lake Unit** had close to **888,510 visitors** making an **estimated local impact of \$43,271,665**.

In 2014, DNR stocked **3,520 pheasants** in Washington County. Stocking results in increased hunting opportunities, which helps the local economy.

Washington County has over **13,771 acres of state owned lands** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

Community Partnerships

A total of **\$71,869** was awarded in **Washington County** for snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

The DNR has strong relationships with Washington County groups through its **Citizen-Based Monitoring Program**, an initiative that connects citizens and scientists to work together to monitor and evaluate Wisconsin's natural resources. Recent partnerships in Washington County include support to the **Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium, Inc.** to collect distribution data on invasive plant species.

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Snapshot of grants in Washington County

A total of **\$2,907,256** was awarded in Washington County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: aquatic invasive species education and planning, rehabilitation of the river walk in downtown West Bend and trail maintenance.

****Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

Forestry Activities

Forestry is one of the **top five industries** in Washington County. It produces **\$347 million** in economic output, providing **\$90 million** in added value to the county.

Since 2011, **Washington County has received \$35,836 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

Nine communities in Washington County have received technical assistance from the DNR between 2011 and 2014, which helped them to develop or improve their urban forest management programs.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$12,000 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters** through management plan development, tree planting, practices that improve forest health and soil and water protection.

Since 2005, **over 13,000 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Washington County. The harvests provided more than **\$492,000 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

DNR granted \$16,233 to local Fire Departments in Washington County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling wild land fires.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 1,185 contaminated properties** resulting in **254 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR responded to 36 spills of hazardous materials over the past three years. DNR works with local fire departments and regional hazardous materials teams to coordinate response and clean-up activities.

DNR provided **\$324,050 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

Deer Management in Washington County

In 2014, Washington County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

In 2013, a total of 2,884 deer were registered in Washington County with 1,078 harvested during archery deer season and 1,806 harvested during the gun deer season.